

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 16, 17, 19 to 25 are pending in the application; claim 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 are canceled; new claims 19 to 25 have been added.

Claim Objections

Claims 7-11 are objected to because "first recess" in claim 7 and claim 8 has no antecedence.

The word "first" has been deleted.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, 12-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Vasilantone* (US 3,224,093).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the feature of claims 3 and 4 so that the above rejection no longer applies.

Claim 7 has been amended to include the features of claims 9 and 10 so that the above rejection no longer applies.

Claims 12-15 are canceled.

Claim 16 has been amended to include the features of claim 18 so that the above rejection no longer applies.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 4, 6, 10, 11, 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the feature of claim 3 and allowable claim 4 and should thus be allowable.

Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form.

Claim 7 has been amended to include the features of claim 9 and allowable claim 10 and should thus be allowable.

Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form including the features of claims 7 and 9 from which it depends and should thus be allowable.

Claim 16 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 18 and

should thus be allowable.

The application now contains **five independent claims**. At the time of filing, **fees for four independent claims have been paid**. The fee for one more independent claim in the amount of \$100.00 is **to be charged to USPTO deposit account 50-1199**.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 19, 21, 24 contain the features of canceled claim 13, respectively.

Claims 20, 22, 25 contain the features of canceled claim 14, respectively.

Claim 23 as dependent claim of claim 11 corresponds to claim 8.

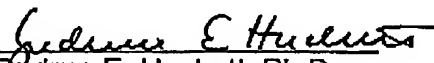
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or **e-mail** from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

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